

Item #8:
Resolution Supporting Old McHenry Road Improvements

**VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-R-___**

**A RESOLUTION
CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTING THE IMPROVMENTS PLANNED BY THE LAKE COUNTY
FOR OLD MCHENRY ROAD THROUGH HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LONG GROVE**

WHEREAS, Old McHenry Road travels through the Village of Long Grove from the northwest Village boundary south to IL Route 53 and through the Historic Downtown Long Grove; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Division Of Transportation ("**LCDOT**") has designed and intends to construct certain improvements to Old McHenry Road between Kildeer School (3100) and the Long Grove Fire Protection District Fire House (1165); and

WHEREAS, the LCDOT has worked cooperatively with the Village of Long Grove ("**Village**") and other key stakeholders in the design process as part of their efforts to design improvements that are consistent with Content Sensitive Solutions ("**CSS**"); and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the input provided by these stakeholders and consistent with the goal of developing plans that are consistent with CCS, LCDOT has designed preliminary plans that limit improvements to maintaining the existing two-lane roadway configuration throughout the project, including at the cross-roads intersection of Old McHenry Road and Robert Parker Coffin Road located with the Historic Downtown Long Grove; and

WHEREAS, LCDOT has worked cooperatively with the Village, as a stakeholder, in consideration of the Village's concerns for limiting the impact on the existing buildings and enhancing the functionality and appearance of the Historic Downtown Long Grove through not only limiting the width of the road and intersection but also the coordination of various improvements within the LCDOT Right Of Way (ROW), including: sidewalks and pathways, parking lot access, etc and proposed Village streetscape improvements outside the ROW; and

WHEREAS, the Village has identified the inclusion of on-street parking throughout the Historic Downtown Long Grove as a critical design element for the continued success of the many independent shop owners located throughout the downtown; and

WHEREAS, LCDOT has a policy against allowing on-street parking along their roads and has indicated that on-street parking would not be included in the planned improvements to Old McHenry Road; and

WHEREAS, Historic Downtown Long Grove is one of the few, if not only, historic/traditional downtown to develop along a Lake County Highway;

WHEREAS, most, if not all, other historic/traditional downtowns in Lake County developed along State or local roads and all of which currently have on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, Historic Downtown Long Grove has on-street parking and it has not created any traffic safety or traffic flow concerns;

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration ("**FHA**") defines CSS as "a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders in providing a transportation facility that fits its setting. It is an approach that leads to preserving and enhancing scenic, aesthetic, historic, community, and environmental resources, while improving or maintaining safety, mobility, and infrastructure conditions".

WHEREAS, the FHA specifically references the U.S. Route 63 Village of Hamburg, NY as a case study of CSS resulting in the inclusion of parallel on-street parking after the community rejected plans by the New York State Department of Transportation that included the removal of parallel parking as threatening the livelihood of Hamburg's main street; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes that the inclusion of parallel on-street parking is a critical design element necessary to support the livelihood of historic downtown Long Grove and would not establish a precedent concern for LCDOT since there are not any other historic/traditional downtowns located along any other Lake County Highway; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION ONE. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Resolution as findings of the President and Board of Trustees.

SECTION TWO. Old McHenry Road Improvements Through Historic Downtown Long Grove. The President and the Board of Trustees hereby memorializes its continued support for Lake County's plans to improve Old McHenry Road between Kildeer School and the Long Grove Fire Protection District Station within the Village of Long Grove conditioned upon the following:

1. **Preservation of the Historic Downtown;**
2. **Minimal overall pavement width, including no turn lanes;**
3. **on-street parallel parking;**
4. **Pedestrian and bicycle access;**

In furtherance of the Village's study and consideration of such traffic improvements, the Village President, Village staff, and the Village Engineer shall be authorized and directed to seek assistance from and work cooperatively with local and state transportation agencies, including without limitation, the Lake County Division Of Transportation.

SECTION THREE: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this 10th day of December, 2013.

AYES: Trustees:
NAYS:
ABSENT:

APPROVED this 10th day of December, 2013.

Village President, Angela Underwood

ATTEST

Village Clerk, Heidi Locker-Scheer